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#### WILL START NIGHT SCHOOL

As was stated yesterday, the Parents-Teachers' Association has inaugurated a movement for establishing a night school in Alexandria. This plan should appeal to every Alexandrian, and the labors of those who have inaugurated the movement are appreciated. There are always numbers of young people in every community who, for various reasons, are unable to give the days of their youth to schools, being forced by circumstances to leave the same at a time when they barely know how to read in order to aid the paterfamilias who is unable to earn enough to take care of those dependent upon them. A night school affords an opportunity to acquire a common education, if nothing more.

The Parents-Teachers' Association reports that they have the names of over sixty young people who are anxious to avail themselves of the benefits of a night school. It is believed many others will take advantage of such an institution. The work will not be confined to small children but to older ones, even such as may be about to enter manhood or womanhood.

In this connection we desire to call attention to the fact that an attempt to make a night school an Alexandria institution was made several years ago, and every inducement was offered young people to take advantage of the same. But a corporal's guard, however, attended and eventually but two or three could be obtained. It was finally determined to adjourn the school sine die.

The Gazette is lamenting the fact that so few manifested any desire for a free education, said "truly, ignorance is a voluntary misfortune." We hope we may not be forced to repeat that observation, which is taken from the old English Reader, one of the text books of the grandfathers of the present generation.

#### CIVILIAN SPOTTERS.

At the meeting in Richmond last week of police chiefs with Moral Commissioner Peters it was determined to minimize the work of civilian spotters in enforcing the prohibition law of the state. It was agreed that it would be a practical procedure to exchange officers—that is take certain policemen from one city and let them perform duties in another, while attired in citizen's apparel. This, it was believed, would minimize the labors of civilian spotters.

Civilian spotters have been tried and found wanting in by-gone years. They played their part nearly half a century ago in Alexandria. At that time half of the fine collected was awarded the informer, and some men, whose lives had been shipwrecked from the use of strong drink, masqueraded voluntarily as private detectives, and played their parts in arraigning people who were found to be selling liquor on Sundays.

At that time, although the war was over, Virginia was still under military rule, and a number of United States army officers were quartered here. Some of this class were exceedingly fond of a drink, and they always managed to get it. A certain Major Hooff, a giant in stature, was one of this number. One hot Sunday night, the major wended his way to Cooney's, the favorite resort of that day for many, entered and obtained what he sought. A son of St. Crispin, yelet Thomas Audley, witnessed the act, and became the informer. At his instance, Major Hooff filled with wrath, came towering into the Police Court. Cooney was fined, and early that night Major Hooff, armed with a cowhide, took his position on the old City Hotel corner. Audley, a good-natured fellow, came along when the Major seized him and gave him the worst thrashing he had received since his boyhood days. Civilian spotters in Alexandria were for a long time as scarce as mer-

#### VON HINDENBURG'S OPTIMISM.

The recent utterances of Von Hindenburg, the recognized military genius of Germany, are akin to those of other Teutons who strangely assume that ultimate defeat to the defenders of the Fatherland is impossible.

An exchange in commenting upon the General's optimism makes some sensible observations when it says we would not lightly accuse this splendid old campaigner of indulging merely in diplomatic bluff, in talking simply to create an impression at home and abroad. But when he declares that France is virtually in her death throes, and that another offensive campaign next spring will "rob her of her army and of her national strength," he is dealing in very patent exaggeration and is betrayed into a piece of obvious inconsistency. If Germany has enough men to wage war for thirty years to come, why should France be exhausted in a year from now, especially as she is backed up by all the power of the British and Russian empires, not to mention the almost unimpaired strength of Italy?

For a dead combatant France is an extremely lively corpse. She is pressing the Germans hard on the Somme, and she recently recaptured in a day at Verdun almost all the ground which it took the Germans months and half a million of men to gain. If General von Hindenburg is counting on France being out of the game very shortly, there is reason to believe that he is far out of the way in his calculations.

#### VIRGINIA CONTRIBUTORS.

Residents of the state of Virginia have contributed \$15,000 toward defraying the expenses of the Democratic presidential campaign thus far. A total of 1,900 people have subscribed in all the sums ranging from one dollar up.

#### VIRGINIA NEWS

Paragraphs Picked Up Here and There Throughout the State.

The civilian "spotter" is scheduled to play a minor part in the arrest and prosecution of liquor law violators in the State. At the conference between Commissioner Peters and 25 police chiefs in Richmond Saturday, a plan was adopted whereby there may be an exchange of officers between the various cities and towns in waging war for Statewide prohibition. Under this plan officers of one city may be loaned to another for special detective work. This plan will eliminate almost entirely the civilian informer, who usually plays an important role in liquor cases in dry states.

At least seven of the thirteen galleons of Bristol, became interstate liquor shipping houses within a stone's throw of their former locations. They moved their stocks across the line that divides Virginia and Tennessee. The Tennessee laws admit of interstate shipping-houses in that State. Persons on the Virginia side may telephone orders for liquor to the interstate shipping-houses, on the Tennessee side, but they are allowed to order but one quart of whiskey per month, three gallons of beer, or one gallon of wine. With houses well stocked with liquor in their midst, residents of the Tennessee side will have to order from distant States.

Alex Wilkins, colored, of Norfolk, and a party of colored men and women, estimated at from four to eight are supposed to have been drowned early Sunday night when a launch belonging to Wilkins is believed to have been sunk under N. Y., & N. car float No. 4, outbound from Norfolk to Cape Charles in tow of the tug Delmar.

The Richmond headquarters of the National Democratic Committee Tuesday completed its work in connection with the raising of campaign funds, and the list of contributors will be sent to the national headquarters today. The number of contributors exceeds 1,900, while the total amount raised by the committee, exclusive of that raised by the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the Democrats of the Ninth District, was \$11,000. Virginia as a whole contributed not less than \$15,000.

Howardsville is in a high state of excitement, caused by the passage of a cake through that town—a cake said to have cost more than \$1,000. Each slice of this masterpiece of the culinary art contained a jewel, the icing was of light brown color, the edges were ornamented with small soldiers, fully armed, and in the center was a gold statuette of Thomas Fortune Ryan, the multi-millionaire of New York and Oak Ridge, Nelson county. The cake was the chief attraction at a party given in honor of Mr. Ryan's sixty-fifth

birthday. The cake was baked in New York and was carried by a special agent of the bakery firm, who took a Chesapeake and Ohio train instead of a Southern from Washington and was forced to change at Buffalo Spring, near Howardsville.

#### THE STROLLER'S COLUMN.

Facts and Fancies Picked up Here and There and Elsewhere.

Yesterday while passing the grounds surrounding Christ Church on Washington street the Stroller chanced to fall in conversation with a stranger who was looking about the old churchyard. After making a few inquiries concerning the city, our stranger-friend dropped into a reminiscent mood and said:

"Carry me Back to Old Virginia," is a song that appealed to me greatly before I first and last was in the Old Dominion, 37 years ago. Ever since then I have wished to be "Carried back," here. I am now on the ground in the good old city of Alexandria, where I am being treated in the kind, hospitable southern style that was my happy lot here 37 years gone by.

A stranger notices favorable and unfavorable conditions in a city almost instantly; first of all the conditions of streets and sidewalks. Alexandria's are better than many large and small cities I have visited within the last four months. It is a mistake for any city to allow its leading thoroughfares to stay rough and ratty as some do. This condition creates prejudice against the town, it inclines farmers and suburbanites to come in to trade only when they can't stay out, and makes life just that much more unsatisfactory to permanent residents. What I say about a city's streets is true of all public institutions and utilities.

Am glad to notice that house numbers, both on business buildings and residences, are plentiful here, larger and easier to read by visitors than in many cities—for instance, Washington, that is very wanting in this matter in many sections, which is an absolute injustice and inconvenience to strangers.

But one thing lacking in Alexandria, well supplied in some small cities and needed in all, little and big, is a public rest room, for men, women and children. This is particularly acceptable to and necessary for farm people while tiring themselves spending their money, walking to and standing about in business places. Champaign, Ill., has a rest room whose sign says, "Rest Room for All," and visitors and country people delight to be in that little city.

I am told that this city needs more factories. They go to places that offer special advantages. It is a great mistake for a city to be a "right-wad," in this important direction. Factories give employment to working people, who must always be the majority of the citizens; the money which comes in to the factories and is distributed all over the community, is a help to the whole population always.

I have tried particularly to observe how the incoming of the dry era in Alexandria is received by the people. I have heard no one growl about the liquor being shut off; people seem to take it as an inevitable condition that has arrived and are good natured concerning it. Let me say in great kindness and good will to drinking men who will for awhile be greatly tried by absence of their accustomed beer and whisky, that I sympathize with them; I have had the same experience; I am glad I quit the "bowl." There is grand consolation for them, as there was for me; it is this: no "drinking" is safety for the health, and the money they save will do so much good and give so much harmless pleasure used in other ways.

#### THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

Philadelphia, Nov. 2.—Three persons were burned to death, two others seriously injured, one probably fatally, and six others overcome by smoke when fire swept a rooming house at 1719 Norris street here early today. The blaze was started when Mrs. Nellie Howard, carrying a lighted lamp in search for mice, fell and ignited her dress.

The dead: Mrs. Nellie Howard, 70; Mrs. Mary Meeny, 75; Charles Meeny 40. The injured: Hilda A. Trainer 13; Miss Elsie Howard, 19, will probably die. The blaze spread so quickly as burning oil was scattered in every direction that the occupants had no time to escape.

That Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Trout, proprietors were not burned, was due to a little dog—So So. The dog rushed into their room as the flames mounted the steps and jerked the covers from them. They escaped over a back roof. Firemen carried many unconscious tenants down ladders.

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Scald two cups of cornmeal with boiling water. Add one teaspoonful of salt, one-quarter cup of molasses and two tart apples, cut into eighths and core, but not pared. Dissolve one-half teaspoonful of soda in warm water and add to the meal. Add more warm water to make a batter thin enough to pour. Pour into a greased pudding pan. Cook three hours, boiling steadily. Excellent with meat, as the next day what is left may be warmed in the meat gravy.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE.**

By virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned trustee, by deed of trust from Hattie L. Peyton and George V. Peyton, her husband, to David N. Hulfish, the undersigned trustee, bearing date July 1, 1912, admitted to record July 2, 1912, and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of Alexandria City, Virginia, in Liber No. 62, at folio 148, of the Land Records of the said City, default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by the said deed of trust, the said undersigned trustee will sell at public auction on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1916, at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, in front of the premises, the following property in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, described as follows:—

A lot of ground, with improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging beginning at the southwest intersection of Columbus Street 108.2 feet, more or less, to M. B. Harlow's line, thence southwesterly, parallel to Columbus Street 80.6 feet, more or less, to Charles S. Fisher's line; thence easterly, with said Fisher's line and parallel to Cameron Street 108.2 feet, more or less, to Columbus Street and thence northwesterly with Columbus Street 80.6 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, with all improvements thereon, rights, privileges, easements and appurtenances to the same belonging, and it being the same property conveyed to the said Hattie L. Peyton by Virginia R. Simpson by deed bearing date April 9, 1908, admitted to record April 19, 1908, and duly recorded in Liber No. 57, at folio 76, of the Land Records of Alexandria City, Virginia.

The said property, however, will be sold subject to the lien of deed of trust from the said Hattie L. Peyton and George V. Peyton, her husband, to George R. Simpson and Richard M. Green, to secure to Virginia R. Simpson the payment of the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars and interest from April 9th 1916, thereon at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, the said deed of trust last mentioned, bearing date April 9, 1908, admitted to record April 19, 1908, and being duly recorded in Liber No. 57, at folio 77, of the Land Records of Alexandria City, Virginia.

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